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WAR !

NEW YORK CITY, PENTAGON, SEPT. 11. - PRESIDENT BUSH announced today that Terrorist controlled airplanes had attacked the U.S. Over 5000 feared dead.



Wing Commander News

"As Americans we will weep, as Americans we will mourn, and as Americans we will rise in defense of all that we cherish." In the wake of last month's attacks on the United States, CAP leaders will be meeting with Air Force representatives in Wash DC next week to explore possible roles and missions for CAP in Homeland Security. Some ports, installation and infrastructure security

missions are now being flown by CAP wings. We do not know exactly what we will be doing in MN Wing in the defense of our nation. I will keep you informed as much as I can. All that we do may not be published for security reasons. As we gear up for the missions we will be asked to do, let us remember America was viciously attacked by terrorist organizations. Some are beginning to change the name from terrorist to suicide high jackers. Let us remember they did not attack a military target, but it was a deliberate attack on thousands of innocent civilians. On December 7, 1941 after the attack on the military installations at Pearl Harbor, Admiral Yamamoto declared; "I fear we have awakened a sleeping giant and filled him with wrath." MN Wing Civil Air Patrol is awake and prepared to do it's duty in the defense of our homeland. There are many loyal Arab Americans living in the United States. I do not want to hear of one instance in MN Wing of any discrimination, insults or hate due to a persons heritage. All Americans are full of anger over being attacked. Those that attacked us would like nothing more than Americans to take out their anger and frustration on their fellow Americans. Terrorism is defined as the use of terror to intimidate, especially by violence. Our way of life has changed, let us use common sense and good judgment as each of us deal with America at war with terrorism and those that want to see our Country fall. **God bless America!**

The October MN Wing Calendar is now available on the MN Wing WebSite at <http://www.mnwg.cap.gov>

MAN DOWN !

Our former Deputy Commander Of Cadets Travis Howard was injured during refueling of his ship the ELROD several weeks ago. Please join me in wishing him a speedy recovery. You can email a get well message to him at the following address. howardt@elrod.navy.mil

2002 Summer Activities Coming Soon

There will be some new and exciting activities coming in summer 2002! Cadet Programs will advertise all the activities and dates in the October issue of the CAP News. Keep your eye open for this issue, which highlights next summer's NCSAs.

The Commander's Corner

The terrorist activities that we witnessed this past week is a wakeup call of the worst kind. It is a vivid reminder that we never know when or where tragedies will strike and when Civil Air Patrol along with the support of other disaster relief agencies will be needed. This past week we have been faced with a unique situation. It is a clear indication of why we need to maintain our level of preparedness; why we need to constantly evaluate both individual and a readiness state at all levels. The wing commander has

asked that Training and exercises be ramped up a notch with the goal of getting more qualified air crew and ground team members. We will be actively recruiting a Nurse or EMT to help with our medical education and hope to also find a future chaplain to augment our ES team. Please join me in welcoming our newest members Cadets Hepler, Michael A & Adams, Ashleigh N.

VISITS & TRANSFERS

I've been asked in the past what my policy is on transfers to other units. Frankly, we discourage this practice. In addition I will not condone T.O.T. (Transfer Out Trouble) People who think Valley or Viking (for example) are "too hard" will find very little difference in our unit. Yes, there are valid reasons to transfer. If you are unable to attend meetings due to sports or religion we have allowed members to move to a unit that meets on a different night. In addition there are rare personality conflicts that we have felt were worthy of a second chance at another unit. Be ready for a close examination of why you want to change, what the reasons are and so forth. Visits to other units are allowed **provided that your unit commander knows in advance of you visit.** So if you are a member of Viking and want to visit Red Wing be sure the Viking commander knows in advance you are visiting. It might be nice to touch base with the Red Wing commander as well but this is not as important as you home CO knowing where you are. Never visit other units more than you attend your own meetings. Your home unit comes first!

Other News

AMATEUR RADIO RESPONDS IN FORCE IN WAKE OF TERRORIST ATTACKS - Some already are calling it "Amateur Radio's Finest Hour," as volunteers answer the call to assist in ongoing relief and recovery operations in New York City, Washington, DC, and western Pennsylvania in the wake of terrorist attacks on the US September 11. The need continues for operators to assist over the long haul, however. Current estimates suggest hams may be needed for a month or longer in

the New York City area, and for at least the next two weeks in Washington, DC. Along with most other federal agencies, the FCC closed its offices and sent its employees home following the attacks. The FCC issued no emergency declarations nor other special instructions to the Amateur Radio community. The ARRL advised amateurs to stay alert to instructions from local authorities.

DATE: 042055 OCT 01
FROM: CAPT JAY CRASWELL
TO: ALL PERSONNEL MINNESOTA WING
SUBJECT: **WING FOXHUNT**

The 130th Composite Squadron is hosting the first annual RDF (Radio Direction Finding) SAREX on Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4, 2001.

What - This event will emphasize radio direction finding (D/F) and ground team skills. Saturday will feature classroom and practical exercises in understanding D/F and the necessary equipment. Training will be useful for those working on the new ratings as well as a great tune up for experienced "Stick Men & Women"

When - On Saturday November 3, sign in for the exercise will start at 0900 at the main terminal building (FLYTELINE FBO) at the Lakeville, MN Air Lake airport.

On Sunday, November 4, 2001, contestants will sign in and be briefed at the FLYTELINE FBO at 0900. Sunday's activity will be an ARDF style competition with teams being graded by our USAF Liaison Officers on their ability to find emergency locator transmitters (ELT's) and solve Ground Team problems. Awards and certificates follow completion of RDF Competition activities.

Where - The FLYTELINE FBO / Air Lake airport terminal building Take I-35, south of the Twin Cities, exit at Dakota Highway 70 (Look for the giant MacStop sign) and go east approximately 2 miles to Hamburg Avenue. Go south on Hamburg to the terminal building. Hamburg Avenue ends at the terminal building.

The uniform will be BDUs with web gear. Come as if you were being called out to an ELT mission. ***Please remember to dress for the weather.** Remember your Membership card. In addition we ask that you have a 101 Card with (At least) General ES if you have not completed the Basic ES test you may take it online at <https://data.ntc.cap.gov/ntc/ops/tests/default.cfm>

Attendees desiring overnight accommodations will find a Motel 6 at the southeast corner of I-35 and County Road 70. Phone (952) 469-1900.

Please Email if you plan to attend we are looking for a rough number on how many will attend. *Note we are looking for an

extra ELT Practice Transmitter to help in the training.

WING SERVICES RESTORED

Previous functionality in the MN Wing database has been restored. If you need email, callsign, phone, fax, or pager information about someone -- go to

<http://www.mnwg.cap.gov/data/comm/customquery.cfm>

It gets more specific the more information you put into it. For example, if you want a list of all people who live in the 320 area code, just put "320" into the phone number field. If you have a picture of yourself that you'd like to add to the database, email it to me, gblakely@mnwg.cap.gov, or mail it to me and I'll scan it in. My address is: Greg Blakely 14812 Hickory Ct Eden Prairie, MN 55346

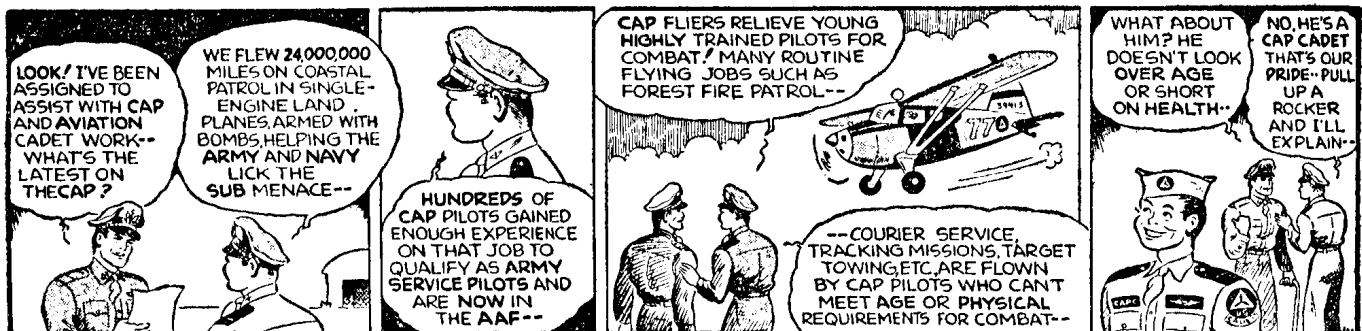
CAP Academic Scholarships Available

Scholarships are offered annually to cadets and senior members who meet eligibility requirements. For CAP academic scholarships, the number of scholarships and the dollar amount of those scholarships change from year to year depending on available funds. Academic scholarship monies are sent directly to the recipient and are to be used for tuition, books, or room and board. The cadets are responsible to ensure the money is utilized most efficiently. For most scholarships, complete applications must be postmarked no later than 31 January of each year. Note that some scholarships have earlier deadlines.

Air Force Academy Prep School Recommendation

Each year National Headquarters submits recommendations to the Air Force Academy for one cadet to attend the United States Air Force Academy's Preparatory School (USAFAPS). The Academy Preparatory School's one-year program (valued at over \$32,500) increases a student's potential for admission to the Academy and for successful completion of the Academy curriculum. Successfully completing the USAFAPS is an excellent opportunity for individuals, who otherwise might not be eligible or selected, to secure an appointment to the Air Force Academy.

Cadet glider orientation flights at Redwing Airport the weekends of 20 - 21 and 27 - 28 October, weather and equipment permitting. "6 ride" time slots are planned for 0900 and 1300 all four days. (You may bring 6 Cadets for one flight each or 3 Cadets for two flights each.) Additional flights if time permits.



From a WWII Era Comic Strip "Smilin' Jack"